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News Release

**Court Executive Officer Mary Beth Todd
Appointed to Sutter County Superior Court**

Superior Court of Calaveras County Presiding Judge Douglas Mewhinney announced that Calaveras Superior Court Executive Officer Mary Beth Todd will be leaving the court to accept a position as the Court Executive Officer for the Superior Court of Sutter County effective August 1, 2011.

"The decision to leave Calaveras County was not an easy one," said Todd. "Judge Mewhinney, Judge Martin and the entire court staff are like family. However, it was time for a new challenge and when I was offered the opportunity to take the Sutter Superior Court position, it just felt right."

Ms. Todd has served as the Court Executive Officer in Calaveras since June 2000. She had worked previously for the Calaveras Court from 1988 – June 1994 as a court clerk and supervising court clerk. Prior to becoming the Court Executive Officer in Calaveras Todd served as the CEO for the Superior Court of Amador County.

"Ms. Todd has effectively managed the Court during the transition from county-provided to court-provided services for human resources, fiscal, banking payroll, technology infrastructure and technology support" said Mewhinney.

Mewhinney added "Perhaps Mary Beth's most visible success will be the new courthouse building currently scheduled to be completed in 2013. Mary Beth has been instrumental in its advancement and design. The building will provide secure, safe, and user-friendly access to justice for the citizens of Calaveras County with adequate space for court staff, jurors and the public to conduct the necessary business of the Court. Mary Beth headed a team of court employees and worked countless hours with

the architects on all facets of the building ensuring that it will serve both the public and employees for many years to come.”

Mary Beth has been a leader on statewide court projects and committees. She has been chair of California Trial Court Consortium, Co-Chair of the Joint Rules Working Group and has been on the Court Executives Advisory Committee, the Trial Court Budget Working Group, the Trial court Financial Policies and Procedures Working group just to name a few.

“Mary Beth’s participation and leadership on these statewide committees and working groups is a testament to the statewide leadership’s respect for her intelligence, leadership and commitment to justice in California” said Mewhinney

Under Mary Beth’s stewardship, the Calaveras Superior Court continues to prudently manage its resources and she is currently working with incoming Court Executive Officer Hugh Swift to provide the highest level of service to the public in these tough financial times.

Judge John Martin commented “Mary Beth’s continuing commitment to providing justice to the people of Calaveras County was recognized when Calaveras Superior Court’s self-help center received an award from the Chief Justice as an example of Courts providing innovative service to the public so that they can access justice.”

“Mary Beth has been instrumental in Calaveras Superior Court’s commitment to serving the public and she will continue to provide that excellence to Sutter County. I will miss her and I wish her all the success that she deserves” said Mewhinney.